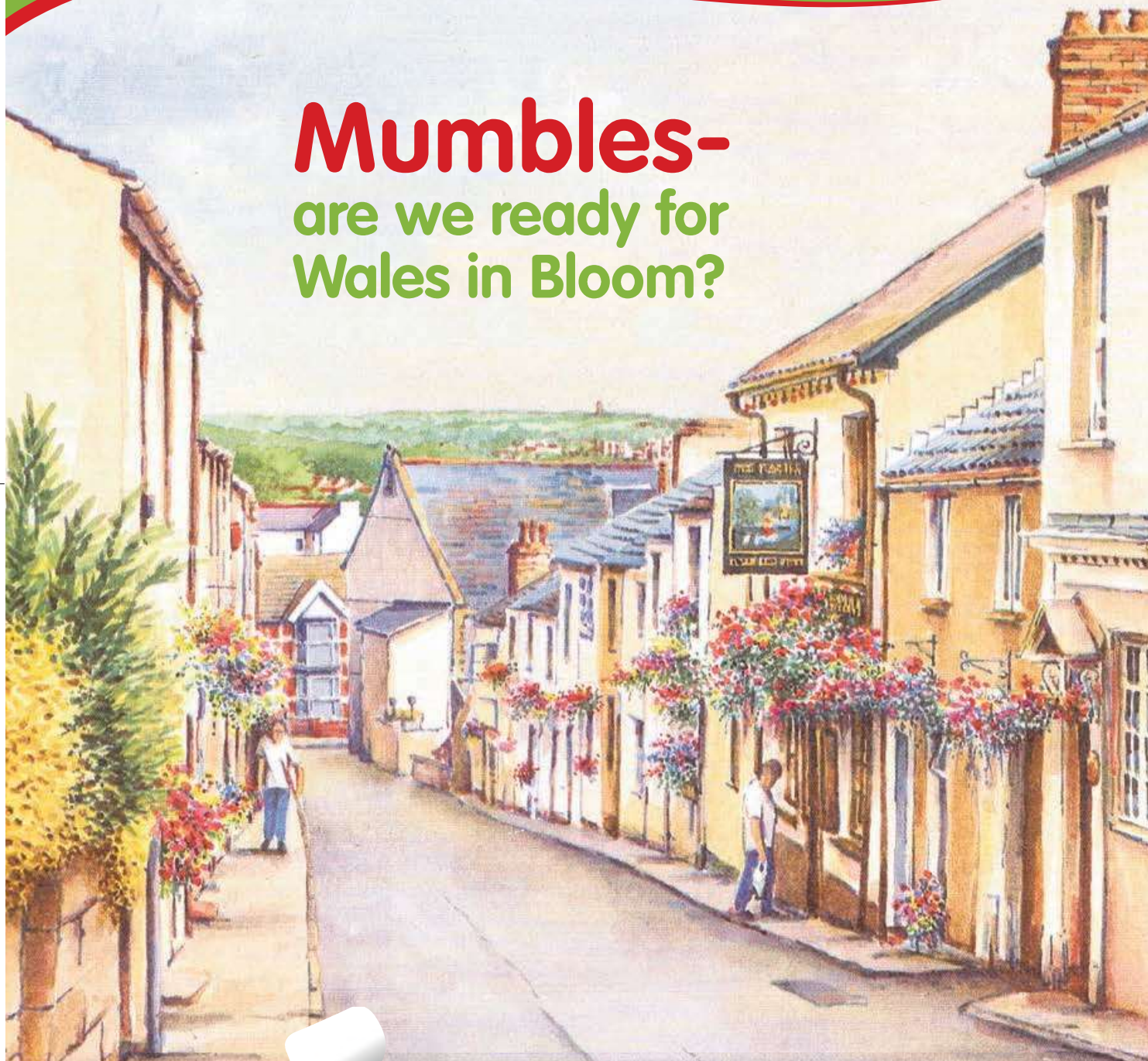


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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome to the April edition of the Mumbles Community Council Newsletter, our second of this year.

We are planning to produce

newsletters on a quarterly basis, thus keeping you up to date on all relevant issues affecting your area.

Residents and businesses welcomed our newsletter with enthusiasm and we are encouraged to build on this support.

Mumbles Community Council continues to concentrate on improving **YOUR** area, listening to **YOUR** needs and endeavouring to meet **YOUR** requirements. Should you have any issues you wish to discuss, please contact us. **Mumbles Community Council is here to help you**



Ceinwen Thomas - The Lord Mayor, Cllr. Helen Mitchell - Chairman of MCC, Jonathan Davies and Bill Griffiths.



Bill's birthday card from the Queen.

BILL'S BIRTHDAY

It was an honour and a privilege to be invited, on behalf of Mumbles Community Council, to take part in the celebration party for BILL GRIFFITHS, a resident at Ocean Living, who reached the age of 100 years on 23rd February 2015. Mumbles Community Council presented him with a bottle of his favourite

'tippie'. The Lord Mayor, Rugby legend Jonathan Davies and myself thoroughly enjoyed listening, with interest, to Bill's recollections of his long life and his passion for sport, especially Rugby.

Councillor Helen Mitchell
Chairman, Mumbles Community Council

YOU HELP UNDERHILL PARK



Photo courtesy of the South Wales Evening Post

The City and County of Swansea are in negotiations with Mumbles Community Association (Go Underhill Project) with a view to their entering into a lease enabling them to become responsible for large parts of Underhill Park.

Mumbles Community Council was offered a position on the board of the Association, but after careful consideration decided to decline because it was thought that during these negotiations and any subsequent planning applications, we must be seen to be independent and impartial, as we represent the whole community, some of whom may object to the developments.

Mumbles Community Council has enabled the improvements to the Park and its facilities costing, in total, some £100,000. Repair and improvement to the pavilion and it's integral toilets; refurbishment and improvement to Mumbles RFC Changing Rooms; refurbishment and enlargement to Mumbles Rangers A.F.C Changing Rooms; commissioning of, and paying for, a report from consultants as to the cause of, and remedy for the flooding of the Park which was becoming progressively worse. The works in relation to flooding have and will benefit all users, sporting and otherwise, of the Park.



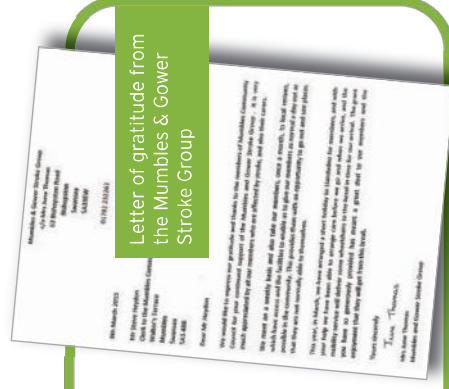
YOUR SAY

"The new road layout at the bottom of Mayals Road has greatly improved the traffic flow and increased the safety for all road users. No longer do motorists take a gamble with their safety when cars are parked near Clyne Church but pedestrians are also safer as the road is easier to cross..."

Dr Gerry Quick - Mayals

"As a mobile hairdresser, the majority of my customers live in the Mayals and West Cross areas. Since the parking restrictions have been placed on Mayals Road, I find it much easier and safer to travel to my customers, arriving on time for their appointments."

Jo Lloyd. Manselton.



Letter of gratitude from the Mumbles & Gower Stroke Group

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT



Photo courtesy of Alex Thomas - Photographer

WALES IN BLOOM

Mumbles Community Council is pleased to announce that it is reviving the popular Mumbles in Bloom Competition this year and is adding a brand new category for allotment holders.

We would like to invite residents, shop and accommodation providers, public houses,

schools and allotment holders to participate. There is no entry form, and all you have to do is forward your pictures to Mumbles Community Council to be placed in a gallery on our website. Judging will take place in June when the judging panel will be out and about around each ward. Further details, including full details of the entry categories, can be found on our website.

SWANSEA & WALES IN BLOOM

- Cleaner and greener surroundings
- A safer environment
- Healthier and happier neighbourhoods and more attractive green spaces
- Community engagement in environmentally sustainable practices
- Reduce anti-social behaviour

Please check our website, Facebook and Twitter account to see how you can help and participate.

- A stronger sense of community

YOU HELPED PAY FOR THESE EVENTS



£600 towards buying percussion instruments for the children of Grange School



£600 to Blackpill Historical society to renovate the war memorial in Clyne Church



Photo courtesy of the South Wales Evening Post.

Dragon parade £500



Jesus Christ superstar £900



Money set aside for the children's projects



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PRECEPT?

How is it calculated? Where is it on my council tax bill?

The Precept is the amount added to each residential Council Tax Payer's Bill in respect of Mumbles Community Council's spending plans for the financial year.

Every January the Council sets a budget for the next financial year detailing what we intend to spend your money on. Careful consideration is given to ensure a balance between spending money on bettering the area and keeping the tax burden as low as possible. Once the budget has been set, the precept is calculated. This figure is always less than the budget for two reasons. Firstly, we are

obliged to have a contingency fund – which we have set at £25,000. This is considered by our independent auditor as being on the low side, but adequate. Secondly, despite our best efforts, not all our intended projects are completed within the financial year and therefore we hold that money unspent in our accounts.

This year we have set the budget at £171,696 and the precept at £143,231. This equates to a Band D property precept payment of £14.93. The average Band D council tax bill for local precepting authorities in 2013-14 was £50.19.

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As you can see the precept is added to your council tax bill but just says 'Mumbles'. This is the figure relating to the band that your property is in (in this example it's Band D) and

how you are taxed accordingly. Our full budget and this year's precept calculation can be found in the Finance Section of our website - **mumbles.gov.uk**.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Gower Walking App launched

Modern technology! Where will it end? Well, we don't think it will, so we have embraced it as much as we can without becoming cyber geeks!!

Our web site is **mumbles.gov.uk** which contains more information about MCC and how it's run, including Agendas and Minutes as well as dates meetings take place. Remember, as a member of the public you can attend any meetings that MCC hold, just turn up. Now back to Geek stuff!

Social media wise we have the following fledgling accounts so bear with us, but just search or Google us and follow and tweet away to your heart's content; We have a

Facebook LIKE page - Our Mumbles

Twitter page: **@ourmumbles**

Instagram: **Ourmumbles**

We hope to relay to you what's going on in the area, the community and how your money is being spent.

We are hoping to canvas YOU for ideas on how to spend YOUR money and on what!.

Residents and businesses received our first newsletter with enthusiasm and we hope to build on this. You can now register on the website to receive a downloadable version of the Newsletter in advance. Plus copies can be collected from the Council Office in Walters Crescent.

Some geeky things for you to look at for this quarter;

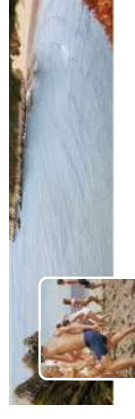


Gower walking App

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All things Dylan Thomas



COMMUNITY GALLERY



The Lord Mayor, Cllr. Helen Mitchell, Chairman, Jonathan Davies and Bill Griffiths.



Bill's birthday card in Welsh from the Queen.



Park Street - Mumbles and Wales in Bloom



The wild flowers will stretch to Mumbles this year thanks to MCC



Jesus Christ Superstar in full swing



Remember how it used to look? Your money has been well spent on eradicating this problem in Underhill Park

COMMUNITY YOUR BOBBIES



2. BE PREPARED. BE IN CONTROL.

Think about what to say to doorstep cold callers in advance. Keep a list of contact numbers near your phone so you can check out legitimate callers. Ask all other unwanted callers to go away.

3. CALL THE POLICE OR A NEIGHBOUR.

Contact a local relative or nominated neighbour who can help verify a cold caller. If you think someone is a rogue trader,

CALL 101. To report a distraction burglar or rogue trader who has taken your money and is still in the area - **CALL 999.**

If you have any issues or concerns, then please do not hesitate to make contact with local police or the relevant department such as Trading Standards.

Useful contact and telephone numbers

PC 397 Richard Jeavons

Mobile: **07805 301610**
Email: richard.jeavons@south-wales.pnn.police.uk

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Police Sergeant 749 Emma Fox

Blackberry - **07584004040**
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Trading Standards at Swansea Council

01792 635600 or **636000**

We are here to help and protect you.

Even if it is just advice, please feel free to make contact.

In December 2014, there were several rogue trader incidents that resulted in two elderly and vulnerable gentleman being targeted in the Radyr Avenue area of Mayals. Large amounts of monies were paid for very little work (if none at all).

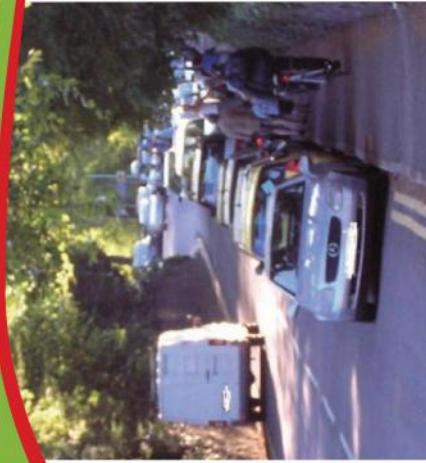
The circumstances are that persons purporting to be builders 'cold called' the respective addresses where the elderly gentleman live. They went on to claim that work was required on the property (in these instances the roof area) and then pressurised the resident into agreeing to them carrying out unnecessary building work.

This was a very upsetting and unpleasant experience for both victims. We want this type of activity and crime to stop, and will do everything we can to address it. We want to raise awareness in the area in order to ensure that all local residents are fully informed.

Remember this **THREE STEP PLAN:**

1. IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT. It sounds simple, but if you don't let someone in, they will go away. Don't let them pressure you into opening the door.

HIGHWAYS



Mayals Road before traffic management was introduced



This is how Mayals Road looks now

As we all know, parking and the dangers of traffic is always on the minds of residents in the area especially those with small children.

It is obvious to see from the photographs, the advantage gained by the introduction of

the parking restrictions on Mayals Road, now allowing free flowing traffic, eliminating the dangers previously experienced. Mumbles Community Council have been praised for achieving this with the ongoing help from City & County Transportation Department and the Police.

CAMPAIGNS & EVENTS

DOG MESS CAMPAIGN

Swansea has many responsible dog owners, but unfortunately there are many who do not clear up their dog's mess, or who bag it up and leave the bag by the pathway.

Dog owners who do not clean up after their dog could be given a fixed penalty notice of **£75**, or they could be prosecuted and may then be fined up to **£1,000**.

Swansea City Council has installed 500 dog waste disposal bins and "poop scoop" dispensers in popular dog walking areas.

These are emptied regularly. If you can't find a

convenient dog bin or litter bin then you must bag up the mess and take it home. If you wish to report an irresponsible person who continually

allows their dog to foul the highway or an overflowing dog bin, please contact:

Swansea City Council on **01792 635600**.



STOP PRESS!

Over Easter weekend in Mumbles, MCC has organised wandering musicians and minstrels!

Keep your eyes and ears peeled from 11am to 4pm from Friday 3rd April until Monday 6th April around the Ostreme Centre and on the waterfront. It will bring a lovely atmosphere to the area for you to enjoy while you wander around the village and along the front! The buses are also running over Easter for the first time in two years. **So it looks like Easter is going to be a big weekend for all!!**





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